

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

MOUNTAIN RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE)
CORPORATION, INC.'S REQUEST FOR)
CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT OF INFORMATION)
FILED IN SUPPORT OF ITS CONTRACT WITH THE)
MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION)

CASE NO. 97-070

O R D E R

This matter arising upon request of Mountain Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. ("Mountain RTCC"), filed February 5, 1997, for confidential protection of the cost information filed in support of its contract with the Morgan County Board of Education, and it appearing to this Commission as follows:

Mountain RTCC has marked as confidential the cost information filed in support of its agreement with the Morgan County Board of Education for Centrex Service. No petition or other document has been filed requesting that the information be protected as confidential.

KRS 67.872(1) requires information filed with the Commission to be available for public inspection unless specifically exempted by statute. Exemptions from this requirement are provided in KRS 61.878(1). The procedure for obtaining confidential protection for information filed with the Commission is provided in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7. Mountain RTCC has not met the procedural requirements of the regulation, and the information cannot be protected as confidential.

This Commission being otherwise sufficiently advised,

IT IS ORDERED that:

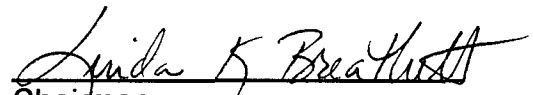
1. The request to protect the cost information filed in support of the contract with the Morgan County Board of Education is hereby denied.


2. The information sought to be protected shall be held and retained by this Commission as confidential and shall not be open for public inspection for a period of 20 days from the date of this Order to allow Mountain RTCC to file a petition that conforms to the requirements of the regulation.

3. If at the expiration of the 20-day period no petition has been filed by Mountain RTCC, the information shall be placed in the public record without further Orders herein.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 5th day of March, 1997.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:


Executive Director